

Committee Request for Board Action: None

46 attendees participated remotely from 22 member agencies.

<p>Recent and Upcoming NPDES Permit Reissuances – See Reissuance Calendar (Dec. 2025) NPDES Permits for South San Francisco – San Bruno and USD’s Wet Weather outfall were reissued in April. The South SF permit contains provisions related to a planned use of treated wastewater for a closed-loop cooling system at a nearby industrial user. It also contains a pathway for the City to switch from BOD to TOC analysis for compliance with technology-based effluent limits (similar to Santa Cruz and IEUA). The USD Permit contains receiving water limitations for aquatic toxicity, but no monitoring requirements; it is an insignificant discharge under the Toxicity Provisions.</p>
<p>USEPA Inspections - Members reported on recent inspections from USEPA Region 9 staff, which have included documentation review for documents requested ahead of time; a full plant walkthrough; and technical questions. A two-week notice was provided. Regional Water Board staff also attended some recent inspections along with USEPA. USEPA indicated that they would be issuing a summary report within 70 days.</p>
<p>Nutrients Watershed Permit Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ BACWA submitted the Group Annual Report to the Regional Water Board on April 1st. Refer to Attachment 2 (Page 613) for compliance milestones planning information for each agency. At the meeting, representatives from EBMUD (Chris Dembiczak) and Vallejo Flood & Wastewater District (Jennifer Harrington) provided updates on their agencies’ respective plans. EBMUD’s plan includes source control, optimization, and equipment upgrades to maximize nitrification and denitrification in the secondary reactors; it is likely additional treatment will also be needed. Vallejo has hired an owner’s advisor to assist with progressive design-build project implementation. Vallejo is pursuing acquisition of an adjacent property to allow room for new activated sludge treatment.○ Future reports of the 5-month dry season Total Inorganic Nitrogen load into CIWQS should be reported with the date 9/30/20XX.○ Regional Water Board staff are preparing an updated informal draft Basin Plan Amendment to allow extended compliance schedules. BACWA and the Regional Water Board are working to retain a consultant to assist with CEQA documentation.○ The Freshwater Trust is continuing to meet with BACWA members to develop a trading framework, and plans to hold a workshop later this summer.
<p>CECs Updates - SFEI will hold its Emerging Contaminant Workgroup meeting in April, which will include updates on the PFAS Sources to Solutions project. SFEI is developing a Sampling and Analysis plan for the BACWA Phase 3 Regional PFAS Study. The updated schedule calls for collecting influent & effluent samples in the 2026 dry season, and sewershed samples in 2027.</p>
<p>Flow-Weighted Sampling. Attendees discussed flow-weighted vs time-weighted composite sampling for influent and effluent. Most agencies are using flow-weighted samples, except in cases where high stormwater flows makes flow weighting a difficult proposition.</p>
<p>Basin Plan Amendment - The Regional Water Board has finalized the Basin Plan Amendment to add Tribal and Subsistence Fishing Beneficial Use designations. A subsequent Basin Plan Amendment will be required to designate the use for specific water bodies in the region.</p>
<p>Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16thth, 12:30 PM (Virtual) The meeting will include a presentation on the data solicitation for the 2030 Integrated Report, which is open through August 10, 2026.</p>